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In Reply Refer To:
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Mr. James J. Kirk
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Dear Mr. Kirk:

Thank you for your letter dated July 26, 2008 regarding “‘Complaint’ About Information Quality; Request for Correction” about two papers by U.S. Geological Survey scientists regarding invasive alien pythons spreading from Everglades National Park.

Please consider this reply as our official notification of receiving your complaint. We will be following the guidelines published on http://www.usgs.gov/info_qual to evaluate your concerns. Within 60 calendar days of receipt, and after the appropriate science discipline has completed their evaluation, you will be notified of their conclusions. Once you are notified, there is an appeal process available to you if you are dissatisfied with the decision regarding your inquiry. The procedure for this process is also found on the information quality website at the URL shown above.

If you have any questions regarding this evaluation process, please contact Mike McDermott on 703-648-5771 or mmcdermo@usgs.gov.

Sincerely,

Stephen E. Hammond
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